

OHIO CRIME VICTIMS BILL OF RIGHTS

Our State, through the Constitution of the State of Ohio, is indeed fortunate to have a Bill of Rights for Crime Victims.

If you have been a victim of crime, Ohio law gives you a variety of rights. Some of them are listed below:

- Right to receive information about your rights as a victim.
- Right to appoint a representative.
- Right to receive current information about the criminal investigation.
- Right to be notified when the offender is arrested or released before trial.
- Right to reasonable return of property.
- Right to information from and meaningful discussions with the prosecutor on your case.
- Right to be free from intimidation.
- Right to meaningful participation during the trial.
- Right to make a statement at sentencing about the impact of the crime.
- Right to participate in criminal proceedings without jeopardizing employment status.
- Right to receive notice if violent offender escapes custody before trial or sentencing.
- Right to receive information after sentencing.
- Right to information and input about defendant's incarceration and parole status.
- Rights after being victimized by a juvenile offender.
- Right to request a protection order in certain types of cases.
- Special rights of victims of sexual abuse.

You can receive additional information about your rights as a crime victim by calling the Victim/Witness Division of the Stark County Prosecuting Attorney's Office at 330.451.7452.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING AN EMERGENCY, CALL 9-1-1

Stark County Jail	330.430.3800
VINE (Victim Info/Notification Everyday)	800.770.0192
Ohio Dept. Rehabilitations and Corrections - Victim Services (toll free)	888.842.8464
Crime Victim Compensation (Toll Free)	800.582.2877
Crime Victim Compensation - Stark County	330.451.7452

COURT RELATED NUMBERS

Stark County Prosecutor's Office	330.451.7897
Victim/Witness Division	330.451.7452
Coordinator Victim Services, Adult Div.	330.451.7112
Coordinator Victim Services, Juvenile Div.	330.451.7621
Coordinator of Adult Felony Theft & Fraud	330.451.7885
Coordinator of Domestic Violence Advocate	330.451.7113
Municipal Court Victim Advocates	

Alliance	330.823.6610
Canton	330.451.7879
Massillon	330.830.2865

Alliance City Prosecutor's Office	330.823.6610
Canton City Prosecutor's Office	330.489.3395
Massillon City Prosecutor's Office	330.830.1718
Juvenile Court	330.451.7415
Adult Probation Department	330.451.7836

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT NUMBERS

Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter	330.823.7223
Alliance Rape Crisis Program	330.821.RAPE
Compass Rape Crisis	330.452.1111
Domestic Violence Project Inc. Hotline	330.453.7233
Crisis Intervention Hotline	330.452.6000
Community Legal Aid Services, Inc.	330.456.8361
Stark County Job & Family Services	330.452.4661
The Children's Network of Stark County	330.451.1700

United Way Information and Referral	330.455.4636
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Ohio Victims of Crime Compensation Program	800.582.2877
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VICTIM ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

Stark County Prosecutor's Office
Prosecuting Attorney Kyle L. Stone

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Stark County Office Building
110 Central Plaza S., Suite 510
330.451.7452

www.starkcountyohio.gov/prosecutor



A MESSAGE FROM THE STARK COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Victims in Stark County can be assured that our staff will treat them with dignity and respect, and that their RIGHTS as crime victims will be honored.

Although victims rights have been in existence for many years, the people of Ohio voted for Marsy's Law in November 2017. Marsy's Law ensures that victims are advocated for properly and have a voice throughout the legal process. My staff is dedicated to seeing that these rights are met for crime victims whose cases enter the criminal justice system.

We have well-trained staff and volunteers available to assist victims at Stark County's three Municipal Courts, Juvenile Court and the Court of Common Pleas. Advocates provide referrals for immediate assistance, court support, notification of case court dates, education regarding the criminal justice process and victims' rights.

We will always make every attempt to lessen the effects of any trauma encountered as a result of a crime.

Kyle L. Stone
Stark County Prosecuting Attorney

VICTIM ASSISTANCE SERVICES

If you have become a victim of a crime in Stark County, Ohio, you are entitled to assistance from the Victim/Witness Division of the Stark County Prosecutor's Office. Becoming involved in a crime can be a very confusing and frustrating time for you and/or your family members so the help you receive will be practical, immediate and available to you whether or not the offender has been caught. The following is a list of some of the services of our program:

- Contact victims of crime to determine needs.
- Advise on the replacement of stolen credit cards, I.D. cards and driver's license.
- Provide referrals for emergency services.
- Provide crisis counseling and intervention for victims and/or family members.
- Assist victims with completing Victim Impact Statements.
- Provide court support (accompaniment).
- Notify victims of case status and court hearing dates.
- Provide victims with Victims of Crime Compensation forms and attorney referrals, if applicable.
- Provide special programming for child abuse victims.
- Provide services for those requesting interpreters or special needs assistance for court hearings.

The Ohio VINE Service

VINE is a free service that offers peace of mind to victims of crime by providing access to timely and reliable offender information. Victims have the ability to call a toll-free number, visit www.vinelink.com, or use the VINELink mobile app to anonymously check on an offender's custody status. Victims can also register to receive automated notifications about changes in custody status via their choice of delivery method: in-app, phone, email, or text TTY (hearing impaired) service is also available.

For more information contact VINE services at:
800.770.0192 or TTY 866.847.1298
www.vinelink.com

OHIO VICTIMS OF CRIME COMPENSATION PROGRAM

In 1976, the Ohio Legislature created the Victims of Crime Compensation Program to provide reimbursement for certain out-of-pocket expenses which eligible crime victims may incur. The program is administered by the Ohio Attorney General's Office. See crime victims compensation guidelines below:

Who may be eligible to receive a payment:

- Victims that experience crimes that pose a substantial threat of injury or death.
- Dependents of people killed in crimes.
- Anyone responsible for a crime victim's finances, such as a parent or guardian.

Payments may cover:

- Medical and related expenses.
- Counseling
- Wages lost because of the crime.
- The cost to replace items taken as evidence.
- The cost to replace items of clothing damaged as a result of medical treatment or assessment.
- Payment for hearing aids, eyeglasses or other vision aids, dental appliances, teeth or other dental aids, canes, walkers, wheelchairs, and other mobility equipment.
- Protection orders that separate the victim from the offender.
- Lost wages and travel expenses for family members of a deceased victim to attend court proceedings.
- Financial support for dependents of a deceased victim.
- Funeral and burial expenses.

Total payments are limited to \$50,000 and payments cannot be made for pain and suffering or for stolen, damaged or lost property.

The Attorney General's office will not pay victims for expenses that can be covered by other sources, such as insurance.

To be eligible for compensation, the crime must be reported to law enforcement and the victim must cooperate with requests from law enforcement.

Apply for Victims Compensation Online at:
www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/victims